The growth rate of the capital goods sector does not necessarily follow one to one correspondence with the aggregate growth rate in the industrial sector. The possible reasons for this are that demand for capital goods is lumpy in nature and triggered by improvements in the expectations of businessmen.

Government's Intervention in Tobacco Market

2465. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :
SHRI N.R. DASARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh State Government has urged the Central Government and the STC to intervene in the market to absorb surplus stocks of tobacco lying unsold in view of the glut in tobacco market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has decided that State Trading Corporation of India should commence market intervention operations for tobacco as was done last year, at the Andhra Pradesh tobacco auction platforms.

Clousre of Grasim Industries at Mavoor

2466. SHRI GAYA SINGH :
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are aware of the closure of the Birla group-owned Grasim Industries at Mavoor in North Kerala employing about 3000 people;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken, if any, by Government to settle the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN) : (a) to (c) M/s. Grasim Industries Ltd., at Mavoor, North Kerala of the Birla Group has indicated in its production return in May 1999 that the machinery are under preventive maintenance and